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drivers' licenses?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes, it would be printed, the form would be printed on the back of all drivers' licenses.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Okay, thank you, Senator. I think it is a good idea but I don't think it will serve the purpose that the introducer really wants. When I was on Public Health and Welfare we discussed anatomical gifts. There was a bill up then and one of the things that were brought out at the meeting or the hearing was the fact that so many people that are in accidents, by the time they get around to looking in the person's billfold, it is too late to do anything. I suggested at that time that they get a central computer and anybody who wants to make any kind of an anatomical gift merely dial a WATS line number and have it registered and in that way whenever anyone was brought into the hospital after an accident, when they knew they were going to be near death, the hospital could then phone the central computer and find out in time whether or not a donation had been made, and in that way the person would actually be able to give the gift. But as it is now, the Eye Bank and various other organizations give you a little card to carry in your billfold and they have found that nobody looks in a person's billfold when they are dying. They probably don't look in it for days after the funeral. I'll vote for the bill only because I realize it is an attempt to get more anatomical gifts, but I really don't think it is going to do what I would like to see it do and I commend the Senator who introduced the bill for doing so, but I don't think it is going to serve the purpose any better than carrying a little card around in your billfold right now saying you want to donate your eyes, or your heart or your kidney. Thank you.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Morehead.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Thank you, Madam President, will Speaker Nichol yield to a question? Thank you. I'm wondering if this is a duplication of something that is already in existence and even to the point of what Senator Higgins is saying. I know Senator Sieck and I just pulled out our driver's license and on the front of my driver's license I